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MCC BEE SQUAD

“A bee is never as busy as it seems; it’s just that it can’t buzz any slower” Kin Hubbard

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BUSY BEES

The MCC Bee Squad

held its first meeting this weekend at Center Campus in the Culinary Dept. with two classes, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The club was organized and is run by Francois Faloppa and currently has about 17 club members and is open to the public. Bee Club dues are a one time \$20 fee to keep the club running into the next year. The club was started with a grant from MCC through the Innovation Fund Program and is designed to introduce members and the community to the benefits of the honey bees in our everyday life. The new members were introduced to the Hive and its components and then they were put right to work assem-



FRANCOIS SHOWING MEMBERS THE HIVE COMPONENTS



HIVE BOXES (OR SUPERS) WITH FRAMES

Did You Know...

A Package of bees contain about 3000 bees and a queen bee and is not a started colony.

A Nuc (or Nucleus) is a 3-5 frame started colony with a queen and her own brood (babies)

The Assembly Line



BUILDING THE HIVE



According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 40% of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants, and the honey bee is responsible for 80 percent of that pollination.



INSPECTING THE FRAMES



CUTTING THE FOUNDATION



INSTALLING THE FOUNDATION



PAINTING THE HIVES



EVERYONE WANTS IN ON



EMPTY FOUNDATION AND



In our next issue, we should be putting the bees in their new hive by installing our bee packages and nucs.



AND MORE FRAME BUILDING